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Strong winds and heavy rain mid-week

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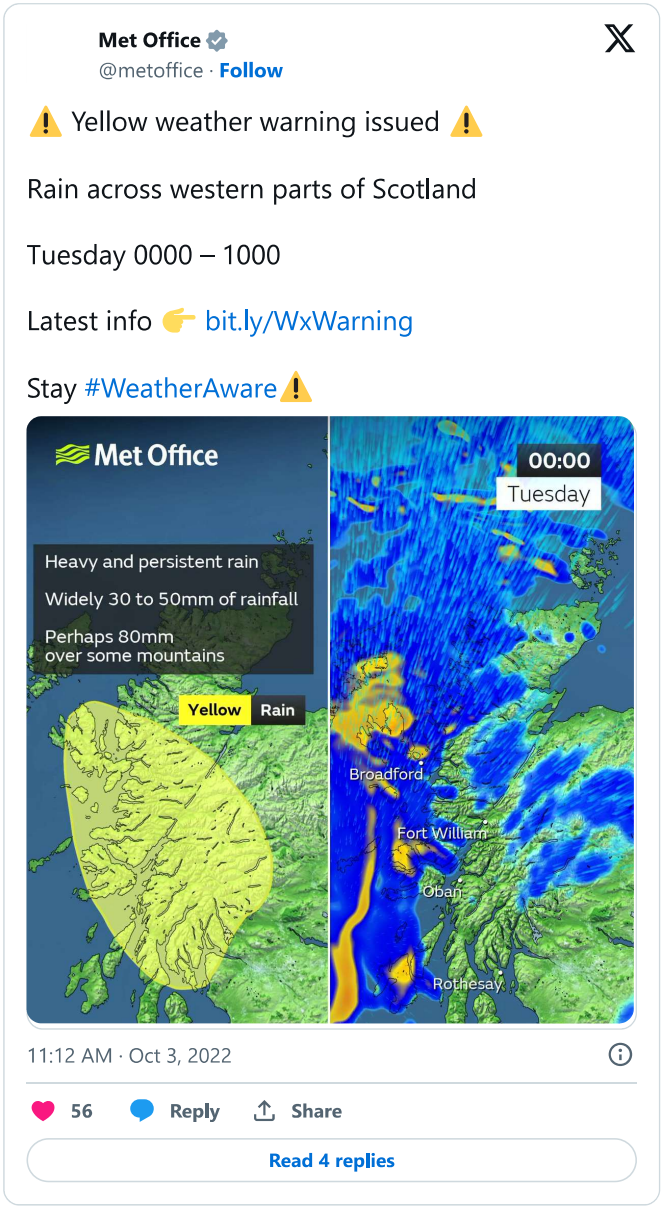
The Met Office have issued weather warnings for wind and rain ahead of an unsettled spell, with the potential for very strong winds on Wednesday.

Heavy rain

Whilst much of the UK have seen a fine start to the week, rain and stronger winds are affecting parts of Northern Ireland and Scotland. This rain will sink into more central areas of the UK on Tuesday, likely persisting for much of Wednesday as well. Rainfall totals are expected to build for western Scotland.



Chief Meteorologist Steven Ramsdale added, “Rain will turn heavy and persistent across western Scotland during Monday and into the early hours of Tuesday before clearing southeast during the morning. Widely 30 to 50 mm of rainfall is likely with perhaps 80 mm over some of the mountains and with the rain building up overnight impacts to travel are more likely on Tuesday morning”

Strong winds

An area of low pressure is expected to move across the north of the UK on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, which will lead to a windy day for much of the country on Wednesday. A warning has been issued for many northern areas of the UK, although the details of peak wind strengths are still uncertain.

Deputy Chief Meteorologist Rebekah Sherwin added more details: “The most likely scenario is for gusts of 55 to 65 mph within parts of the warning area, most likely the northern Irish Sea and parts of eastern Scotland; these are typical wind speeds for the time of year so disruption would be localised in this case.

"However, there is a chance the deep low pressure system will bring gusts of 70 to 80 mph to northern parts of the UK on Wednesday. Should this develop, disruption to travel and wind damage would be more likely. In addition, heavy rain in the northwest may make travelling more difficult.”

Rest of the week

The unsettled theme will continue throughout the rest of the week. It will remain breezy for most, with a chance of gales at times, most likely in the northwest. However, rain will be more limited to showers across western areas, with many eastern areas seeing a dry end to the week.

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